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much aversion on the part of many negroes to vaccination. On account of the large number of exposures it is probable the disease will yet spread to a considerable extent.

I inclose a small map of Little Rock and Argenta, showing the location of the disease as reported to date.

Very respectfully,

L. P. GIBSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox at Columbus, Tex.

COLUMBUS, TEX., April 22, 1898.

SIR: I am in receipt of your circular letter of 12th instant, "G. T. V.," asking for report on cases of smallpox at this place, etc. Inclosed find tabulated report of all cases (18 in number) under my care since my appointment, April 2, 1898. Hope same will be satisfactory to you.

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Respectfully, yours,

L. G. THORNTON, M. D.,
Health Officer.

Case of smallpox on Olivette en route from Habana.

PORT TAMPA, FLA., April 21, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of my detail to Habana, Cuba:

The *Olivette* was chartered by the Spanish Government through her consular representative at Tampa. One hundred and fifty passengers were taken on board, and the *Olivette* left the Port Tampa dock at 2 o'clock Monday, April 18, 1898, arriving at Habana Tuesday, April 19. Our reception by the various officers of the port was most cordial. In company with our clerk, Mr. Espenosa, I visited the British consul, who is in charge of American affairs, and learned that there were no further instructions for me. I was informed that a large mass of mail matter had been received for the American consulate, but Mr. Gallon was unable to open the bags, as the keys were not left with him. I also learned that masters of vessels clearing for ports in the United States were being imposed upon by local physicians, who offered to furnish bills of health and passenger health certificates. The furniture and property in our office was safe, and had not been molested. We left Habana at 5 o'clock of the same day with 94 passengers; 35 had our slips of vaccination; the other 59 were given observation slips. About two hours before arrival at the quarantine station, I found one of the negro waiters convalescing from smallpox. This man, with other newly employed waiters, had been seasick, and had not come under my observation until that moment. Arriving at the quarantine station, I informed the officer in charge of the station, and advised the removal of all passengers and a general vaccination and thorough disinfection of the vessel. The officer in charge agreed, and every precaution was taken. The patient and all baggage were left at the quarantine station. The patient was shipped at Port Tampa, and stated that he was first taken sick about three weeks ago in Port Tampa City.

I have communicated with Dr. Altree, and we will together inspect the houses in that city.

Awaiting your further orders, I have the honor to remain,

Respectfully, yours,

D. E. DUDLEY,
Assistant Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.